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SUBJECT: RALLIES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS PUBLICIZE

ROK STEADFASTNESS AGAINST NORTH

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- 1. FOLLOWING PREISDENT PAK'S APRIL 29 ADDRESS TO NATION, PUBLIC RALLIES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS OVER PAST FIVE DAYS HAVE ECHOED HIS CALL FOR UNITY AGAINST NORTH KOREAN THREAT. RALLIES PRIMARILY HAVE INVOLVED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. HOMELAND RESERVE FORCES AND POPULAR ENTERTAINERS HAVE ALSO STAGED SIMILAR MEETINGS. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS REPRESENT EVEN MORE DIVERSE GROUPS INCLUDING SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) PROFESSORS, KOREAN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION, FORMER POLITICAL LEADERS, AND OTHER, MORE AD HOC GROUPS.
- 2. TYPICAL OF ADVERTISEMENTS IS ONE PUBLISHED IN NAME OF KOREAN CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLYMEN, A GROUP OF PERHAPS THIRTY OF KOREA'S FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. ADVERTISEMENT NOTES THAT COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS ARE COMMON ENEMY OF AL FREE PEOPLE IN WORLD; THAT KOREA MUST TAKE HEED OF "FIRE ACROSS THE RIVER" (IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA); CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THAT THIS PARTICULAR GROUP IS READY TO FIGHT WITH

BAMBOO SPEARS IF NECESSARY.

- 3. "SAVE THE NATION BROTHERMHOOD ASSOCIATION"PUBLISHED ADVERTISEMENT SPONSORED BY PROMINENT POLITICAL AND OTHER CITIZENYVINCLUDING EHWA WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT KIM OK-KIL, ANTI-JAPANESE COLONIAL PATRIOT YI KAP-SONG, AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BEN C. LIMB, ADVERTISEMENT CALLED FOR TOTAL NATIONAL UNITY, SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, AND DETERMINATION TO FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM TO THE VERY LAST.
- 4. WHILE ROKG IS OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGING BOTH RALLIES AND ADVERTISEMENTS, PARTICIPANTS MAY WELL FEEL THEY ARE TAKING PART IN SENDING DETERRENT MESSAGE TO PYONGYANG. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT OUR NDP AND OTHER OPPOSITION CONTACTS HAVE AVOIDED THE COMPLAINT RECENTLY THAT PAK IS OVERPLAYING THE THREAT FROM THE NORTH. SNEIDER

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